

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-191-C - ORDER NO. 2001-508

MAY 29, 2001

IN RE: Petition of Verizon Communications, Inc. to)	ORDER APPROVING
Approve Transfer of Customers between Bell)	TRANSFER
Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon)	
Long Distance and Verizon Select Services,)	
Inc.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of Verizon Communications, Inc. (Verizon or the Company) for an Order approving the transfer of customers between Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance (VLD) and Verizon Select Services, Inc. (VSS). Both VLD and VSS possess Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity granted by this Commission. As the result of the merger of Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation, VLD and VSS now provide overlapping long-distance services in certain market segments in the State. Verizon wishes to streamline its operations and service offerings here and to consolidate its consumer and small business long-distance operation in VLD. It is thus necessary for VSS to transfer customers for these services to VLD. All customers of VSS were notified of the transfer in November, 2000.

The Commission's Executive Director informed the Company that it must publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation one time in the area of service. The Company furnished affidavits to show that it had complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, the Company moves for expedited review of the Petition, and furnishes verified testimony to support the allegations of the Petition. We grant expedited review of the matter.

Paul M. Fuglie, Executive Director-Regulatory for Verizon Communications, Inc., filed verified testimony. Fuglie related the information stated above, and also testified that the only impact on the customers of VSS will be that the name of their long distance carrier will change from Verizon Select Services, Inc. to Verizon Long Distance on their monthly bill. There will be no changes in rates, dialing patterns, or customer service. A toll-free customer inquiry number will be provided so that customers may call for more information.

Given the circumstances in this matter, and based on the entire record in the case, we grant the request for transfer of customers as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director
(SEAL)